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n/a	herewith	C. Lombardi	120LD-005

Title: Accessory Grip for Elongate Instrument

Asst. Comm'r for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-0001

PETITION TO ACCELERATE EXAMINATION UNDER § 1.102(c)

Dear Sir:

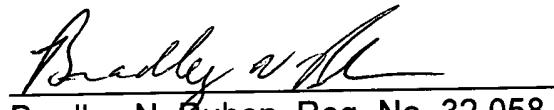
In connection with the above-identified application, your Petitioner, the joint inventor Morris Sussman, respectfully requests that the examination of this application be accelerated due to the applicant's age, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Attached hereto is a Declaration by the Applicant attesting to his age, as well as copy of his New York State driver's license, showing his date of birth as 3-30-32, making him 71 years of age.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 1.102(c), no fee is due for this petition.

Attendance to this petition, and an early action on the merits of the application, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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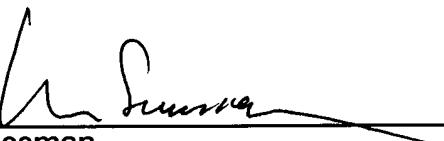
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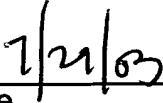
Verified Statement Accompanying Petition to Make Special

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Petition to make special for reason of the applicant's age that is submitted herewith for the subject application, I hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Morris Sussman, a joint inventor of this patent application.
2. Attached hereto is a true copy of my driver's license.
3. I hereby state that I was born March 30, 1932, making my age 70 years.
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


Morris Sussman


Date

